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***Every Election Has Consequences***

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“As a firefighter, I am sick and tired of cleaning up fatal accidents on Highway 23.” “I’m a 23 year old single guy, why am I forced to purchase an absurdly expensive insurance plan that covers pregnancy?” “Why is Voter ID still in the courts?” The answer? Unelected, federal judges have decided that they can write law and become “gods” in their own right. As James Madison once said, “As the courts are generally the last in making the decision, it results to them, by refusing or not refusing to execute a law, to stamp it with its final character. This makes the Judiciary department paramount in fact to the Legislature, which was never intended, and can never be proper.”

Many courts have abandoned a purist sense of judicial review – the act of judging laws against the Constitution and nothing further. Instead, they have created their own reality and place more reliance on precedent, or prior court rulings. Their revisionist tactics include plucking the words “wall of separation between church and state” completely out of context from a letter that Jefferson wrote to a Baptist group in Danbury, CT. In truth, the original intent of this phrase, as penned by the church, was to protect it from rulers like King Henry VIII during the reformation in 1500’s Europe, not vice versa.

Even as I write this, the activist U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit has been attempting to usurp each state’s tenth amendment right to resist the mandate that young girls be forced to lose their dignity and privacy by changing next to teen boys in school. The court ruled that we must defer to the “experts” – unelected, federal Education Department bureaucrats – to set policies and define reality for our children.

If we really want to take this country back, we have to ensure that unelected judges are not the be-all and end-all, but simply one of the checks and balances in our government. The only way to accomplish this is to ensure that we elect federal officials who will confirm judges that will not “play god,” but will serve God and protect the sanctity of the Constitution of these United States. Elections do have consequences.